

*The University of Tennessee at Martin*

Alumni Survey

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ALUMNI SURVEY

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to assist your alma mater. Your responses will be used to assess, evaluate, and improve UTM.

### Instructions:

1. Please record your answers to survey questions 1 through 59 on the enclosed General Purpose Answer Sheet by darkening the appropriate oval with a No. 2 pencil.
2. Please circle the most applicable response on survey questions 60 through 68. Please write on the survey instrument and these responses will be manually recorded and matched in the database with your General Purpose Answer Sheet.
3. Please use the blank space following question 68 to record any comments you may wish to share regarding your experiences at UTM and its effect on your personal or professional life.
4. Please return the completed General Purpose Answer Sheet and the Alumni Survey instrument to UTM in the postage paid return envelope.

Again, thank you for your participation and your support of UTM. Please know that your anonymity is assured. Only grouped responses will be reported. Tracking numbers are used solely to facilitate a second mailing of the Alumni Survey to non-respondents.

Please address any questions regarding the Alumni Survey to Dr. George Daniel, Director of Institutional Research and Planning. He may be reached by telephone at 731-587-7857 or by email at [gdaniel@utm.edu](mailto:gdaniel@utm.edu).

## ALUMNI SURVEY

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has mandated that all campuses of the University of Tennessee conduct an Alumni Survey as part of the campus evaluation for funding purposes. The purpose of this survey is to provide alumni an opportunity to share their perceptions of their undergraduate experience (general and major field education, advising, and campus services) at UTM. This information will be used in efforts to improve these areas and UTM in the future.

Please do not include your social security number in the "Identification Number" section of the computer answer sheet. No alumni names will be included with the survey information. The tracking number will only be used to facilitate a second mailing of the Alumni Survey to non-respondents. No attempt will be made to match individuals with survey responses.

**Please mark your answers to questions 1 through 59 with a No. 2 pencil on the General Purpose Answer Sheet, not on the survey itself.**

In this questionnaire, you are asked to respond in regard to your experience at The University of Tennessee at Martin. Please select your response from the Answer Code for each question and mark your choice on the enclosed machine-scored answer sheet. Match the item number on the scan form with the question number in parentheses ( ) on the questionnaire. Please check frequently to see that you are marking the correct item number on the scan form. Thank you for your participation. Your opinions will serve to make UTM a better university.

### The University of Tennessee at Martin Alumni Survey

(1) How satisfied are you with the educational experience you had at UTM?

**Answer Code for question 1:**

**1=Very Dissatisfied 2=Dissatisfied 3=Satisfied 4=Very Satisfied**

(2) If you could start college again, would you enroll at UTM?

**Answer Code for question 2:**

**1=Definitely Not 2=Probably Not 3=Probably Yes 4=Definitely Yes**

How do you rate the following aspects of your UTM experience?

**Answer Code for questions 3 through 6:**

**1=Poor 2=Fair 3=Good 4=Excellent**

(3) Your academic experience

(4) Your social experience

(5) Your cultural experience

(6) Your overall experience

*Please move to the reverse side of this page and continue the survey. Thank you.*

While attending UTM, how often would you say you did each of the following?

**Answer code for questions 7 through 12**

**1=Never      2=Seldom      3=Occasionally      4=Often**

- (7) Used written reference materials
- (8) Completed a paper or project that integrated ideas from several sources
- (9) Applied a concept or technique you learned in class or another setting
- (10) Used on-line library databases (Infotrack, etc.)
- (11) Tried to explain a method or theory to another person
- (12) Used the internet in classroom assignments

Answer instructions for questions 13 through 24. Please indicate if you have used any of the following services at UTM. If you have **used** the service, please rate your level of satisfaction with each. If you **did not** use the service, please leave the level of satisfaction blank and move to the next service.

**Answer Code: 1=Not Used    2=Used**

**Level of Satisfaction:**

**1=Poor    2=Fair    3=Good    4=Excellent**

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|--|--|
| (13) Library Facilities/Services                     | (14) Satisfaction Library Fac./Services                      |
| (15) Registration Services                           | (16) Satisfaction Registration Services                      |
| (17) Financial Aid Services                          | (18) Satisfaction Financial Aid Services                     |
| (19) Computer Facilities/Services                    | (20) Satisfaction Comp. Fac./Services                        |
| (21) Advising Services                               | (22) Satisfaction Advising Services                          |
| (23) Practicum/intern/service<br>learning experience | (24) Satisfaction with intern/service<br>learning experience |

In answering the questions below, please think of your **overall experience** at UTM. Please indicate the degree to which your education at UTM has added to your abilities in each of the following skills areas.

**Answer code for questions 25 through 37: 1=Very Little      2=Somewhat  
3=Very Much**

- (25) Practical skills necessary to obtain employment in your field
- (26) Getting along with people of different races or ethnic groups
- (27) Ability to grow and learn as a person
- (28) Ability to lead or guide others
- (29) Self-confidence in expressing your ideas
- (30) Appreciation of different cultures
- (31) Planning and carrying out projects
- (32) Speaking effectively
- (33) Writing effectively
- (34) Understanding written information

*Please move to the next page and continue the survey. Thank you.*

Overall Experiences, Continued. In answering the questions below, please think of your **overall experience** at UTM. Please indicate the degree to which your education at UTM has added to your abilities in each of the following skills areas.

**Answer code for questions 38 through 43: 1=Very Little**

**2=Somewhat**

**3=Very Much**

- (35) Understanding graphic information
- (36) Ability to use information/computer technology
- (37) Learning on your own
- (38) Defining and solving problems
- (39) Working cooperatively in a group
- (40) Ability to understand mathematical concepts
- (41) Understanding global environmental concerns
- (42) Understanding/appreciating the arts
- (43) Understanding/applying scientific principles and methods

The following questions relate to your major. Thinking about your major, please rate the quality of each item below.

**Answer code for questions 44 through 53: 1=Poor 2=Fair 3=Good 4=Excellent**

- (44) Availability of your faculty advisor
- (45) Quality of information provided by your advisor
- (46) Clarity of degree requirements in the major
- (47) Clarity of objectives for courses in the major
- (48) Opportunities for student evaluation of instruction
- (49) Availability of faculty to help students outside of class
- (50) Quality of courses to prepare you for employment
- (51) Quality of instruction in the major
- (52) Opportunities to express ideas in writing in the major
- (53) Usefulness of information learned in class in day-to-day activities

(54) While at UTM, with how many faculty members did you develop a close relationship (such that you feel you could ask them for a letter of recommendation)?

**Answer code for (54): 1= None 2=One 3=Two 4=Three or more**

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(55) If you could choose your major again, would you select the same major?

**Answer code for (55):**      **1=Definitely No**      **3=Probably Yes**  
   **2= Probably**      **4=Definitely Yes**

(56) Overall, how satisfied are you with the climate of diversity at UTM?

**Answer code for (56):**      **1=Very Dissatisfied**      **3=Satisfied**  
   **2=Dissatisfied**      **4=Very Satisfied**

(57) How would you characterize the preparation you received at UTM for further study at another college or university?

**Answer code for (57):** **1=Poor**      **3=Good**  
   **2=Fair**      **4=Excellent**

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(58) What is your gender?

**Answer Code for (58)** **1=Female** **2=Male**

(59) For the most part, were you a part-time or full-time student?

**Answer code for (59):** **1=Full-Time** **2=Part-Time**

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(60) While attending UTM, about how many hours did you work per week?

- 1=Not Employed**
- 2=Employed fewer than 10 hours**
- 3=10-to-19 hours**
- 4=20-to-29 hours**
- 5=30-or-more hours**

(61) What is your race/ethnic group?

- 1=Asian-American/Pacific Islander**
- 2=Native American/American Indian**
- 3=African-American**
- 4=Caucasian**
- 5=Hispanic/Latino**
- 6=Other \_\_\_\_\_**

(62) What is your present age?

- 1=Under 22**
- 2=22-to-24**
- 3=25-to-30**
- 4=31-to-45**
- 5=46-over**

(63) How old were you when you first began at UTM?

- 1= Under 22**
- 2=22-to-24**
- 3=25-to-30**
- 4=31-to-45**
- 5=46-to-60**
- 6=Over 60**

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(64) Which of the following best describes your present employment situation?

- 1= Working full-time (not self employed)**
- 2=Self Employed**
- 3=Unemployed, not seeking employment**
- 4=Working part-time (not self employed)**
- 5=Unemployed, seeking employment**
- 6=Full-time student/not employed**

(65) Are you employed in the field in which you were educated? If not, why (choose best response)

- 1=I am employed in my major field**
- 2=I could not find a job in my field**
- 3=I developed new career interests after leaving college**
- 4=The jobs in my field did not pay well**
- 5=The jobs in my field did not offer opportunities for advancement**
- 6=I am a full-time student/not presently employed**

(66) How did you become aware of the opening that became your first job after graduating from college?

- 1=I was already working in the job**
- 2=Cooperative education project/faculty contact/service learning**
- 3=College placement office**
- 4=Employment/placement agency**
- 5=Newspaper advertisement**
- 6=Contact through friends or relative**
- 7=Other**

(67) What is your annual salary?

- 1= Less than \$20,000**
- 2=\$20,000 - \$34,999**
- 3=\$35,000 – \$49,999**
- 4=\$50,000 - \$64,999**
- 5=\$65,000 or more**
- 6=Not applicable**

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(68) Are you presently enrolled in a college or university?

**1=Yes, part-time undergraduate**

**2=Yes, full-time undergraduate**

**3=Yes, part-time graduate/professional student**

**4=Yes, full-time graduate/professional student**

**5=Not presently enrolled in a college or university**

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